

Subject: COVID-19 Update: Providing more resources for families

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COVID-19 UPDATE: PROVIDING MORE LOCAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Friends,

Given the growing coronavirus pandemic, I partnered with City and County leaders on Monday to bring 20,000 COVID-19 test kits to Los Angeles from South Korea, with more to follow through an agreement with Segeene, Inc. While the agreement, along with another the Mayor secured, will help Los Angeles ramp up testing for COVID-19, we also need local manufacturers to modify their operations to produce related items in short supply, including swabs, testing trays, and gloves and masks for health workers.

I also implore you to adhere to the “Stay at Home” mandate our city has. We should only leave our homes for essential tasks, and remember to wash our hands frequently and practice social distancing. Please be safe and do your part and encourage others to

do the same. Our health and our lives depend on it.

Lastly, as the daughter of the working poor, I am a staunch advocate for my community and last week I led a City Council meeting that saw 46 motions introduced designed to assist Angelenos during this trying time. We will have an emergency Council meeting as soon as possible to follow up on these much-needed actions to help renters, working-class people, small business owners, and many others. Unfortunately, this week, I had to cancel two planned meetings because of technical hurdles our ITA staff, unfortunately, couldn't overcome by Tuesday to set up a remote meeting, as well as safety concerns given the more stringent rules regarding groups of 10 people or more. Please know, I want these technical issues dealt with as quickly as possible, and as soon as they are, I will call for another meeting to continue the business of you, the good people of the City of Los Angeles.

This pandemic is costing lives and is truly unlike anything we have ever seen but the Los Angeles City Council stands with you. I wish you peace and good health.

Blessings,

Nury

Increasing Coronavirus Testing for Los Angeles



Yesterday we announced that 20,000 coronavirus test kits from South Korea's Seegene Technologies will be coming to Los Angeles through a partnership with Assistant President Pro Tem David Ryu, LA County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Hilda Solis.

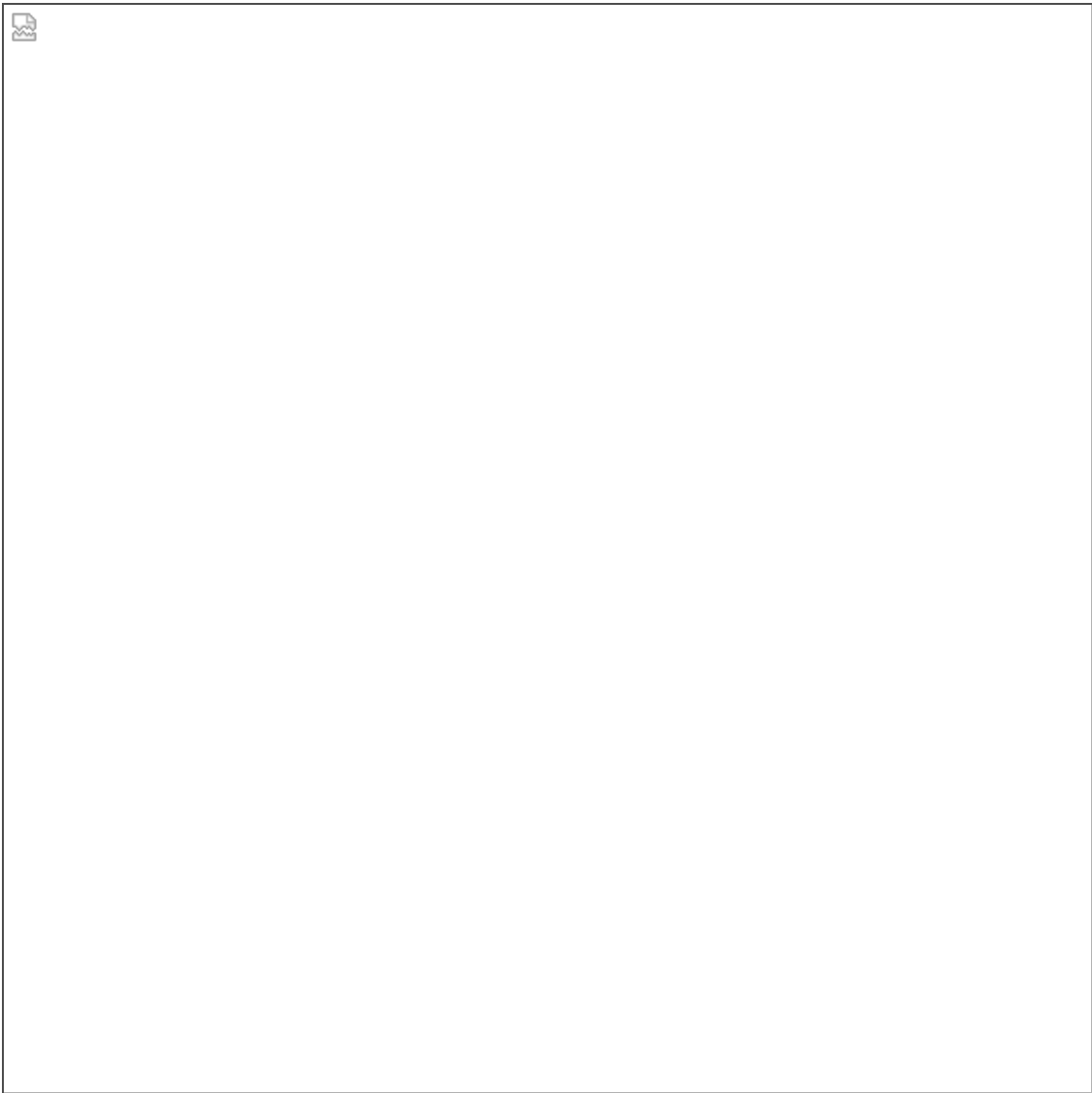
However, increased testing requires more than just labs and test kits. Critical shortages remain in gloves, swabs, and other materials needed to complete testing. At Monday's County briefing, I asked local Southern California manufacturers to work with local government to repurpose their production lines to make the materials needed to complete testing. City and County leaders are currently working to identify testing sites, and ensure there are enough medical materials to complete as many tests as possible.

We can't stand still and wait for federal help to bail us out. We must act quickly. With this partnership, we hope to expand to provide 100,000 tests free of cost for Angelenos. Together we will get through this crisis.

Read more about Coronavirus testing in LA County [here](#)



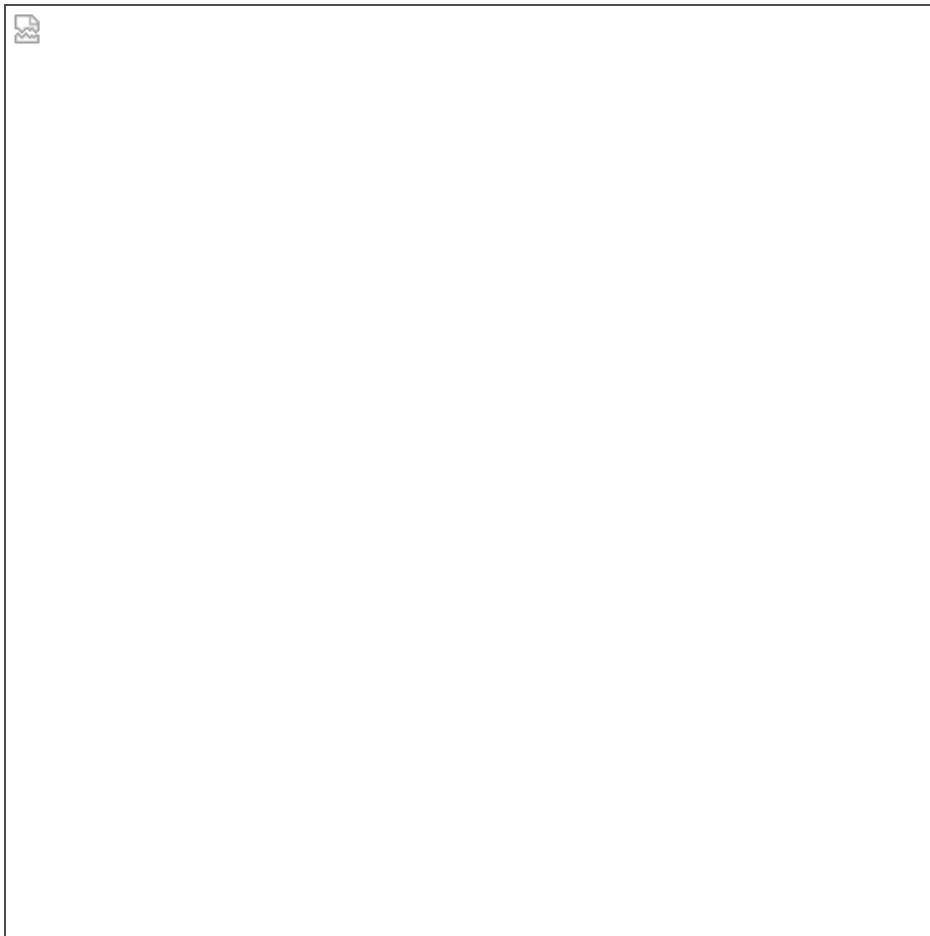
Helping Feed LAUSD Families



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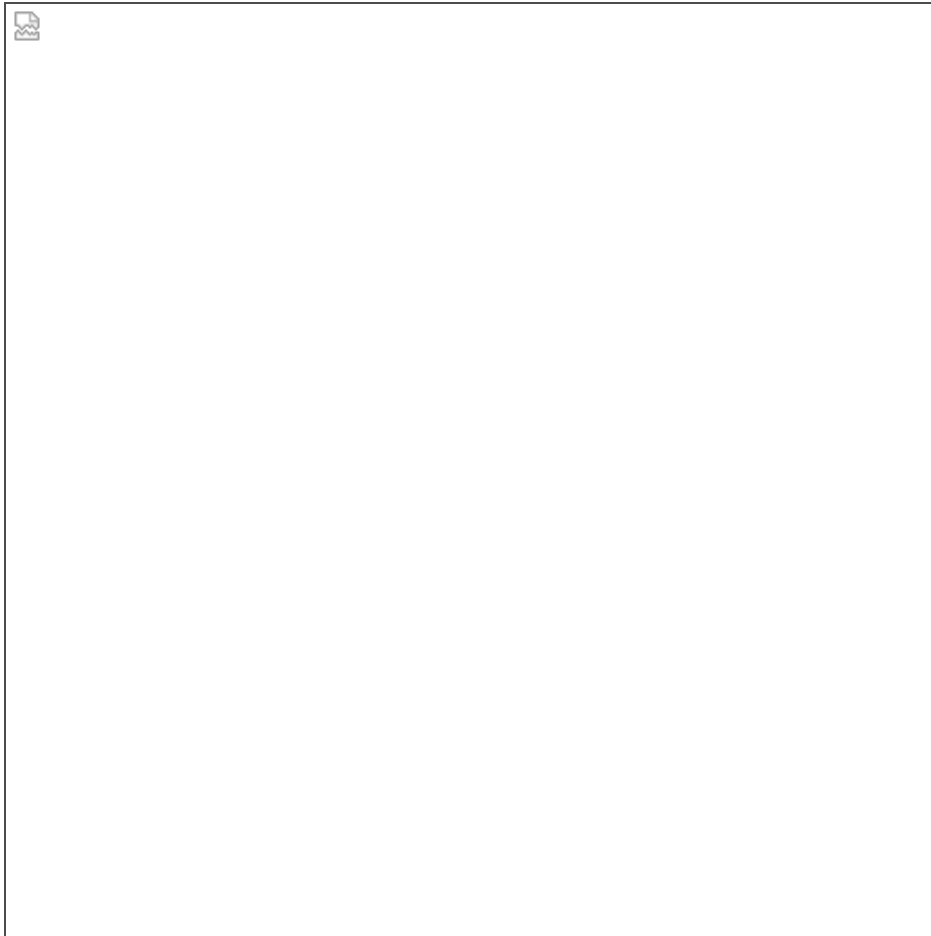
IMPORTANT REMINDER:
If you are feeling sick call your
healthcare provider

During this COVID-19 crisis, if you're feeling ill, please follow Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's recommendations!

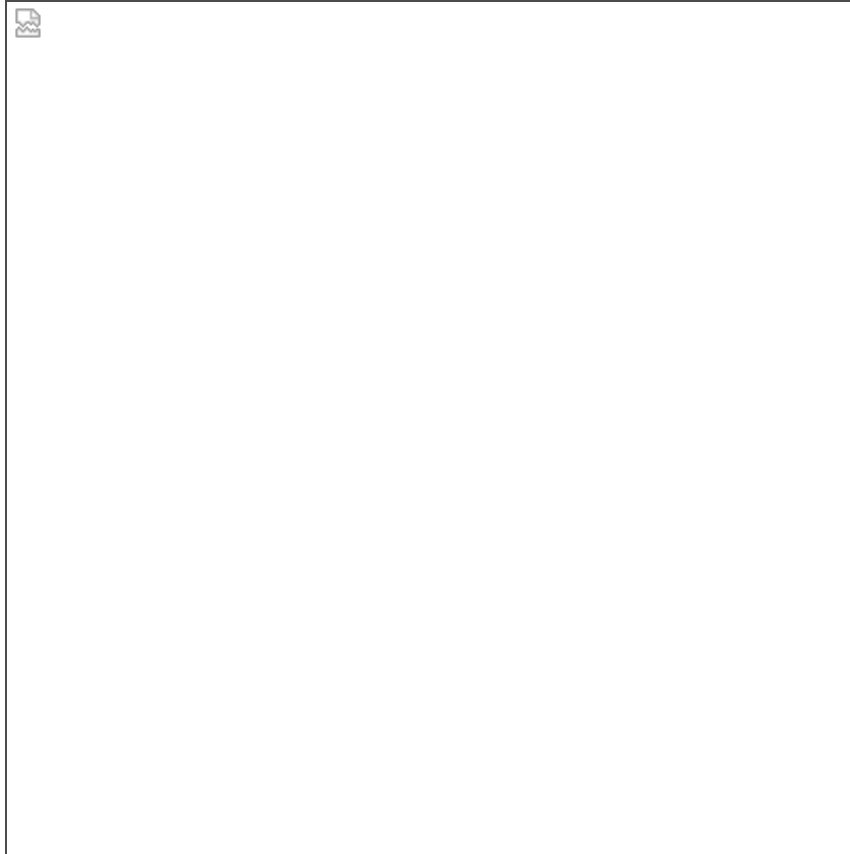


Durante esta crisis de COVID-19, si te sientes enfermo, por favor sigue las recomendaciones del Departamento de Salud Público del

Condado de Los Angeles.



Help for LA Renters



Any tenant of a residential property in the City of Los Angeles who receives a Notice to Pay Rent or Quit should inform their landlord that they are an Affected Tenant as a result of COVID-19 before the expiration of any Notice to Pay Rent or Quit.

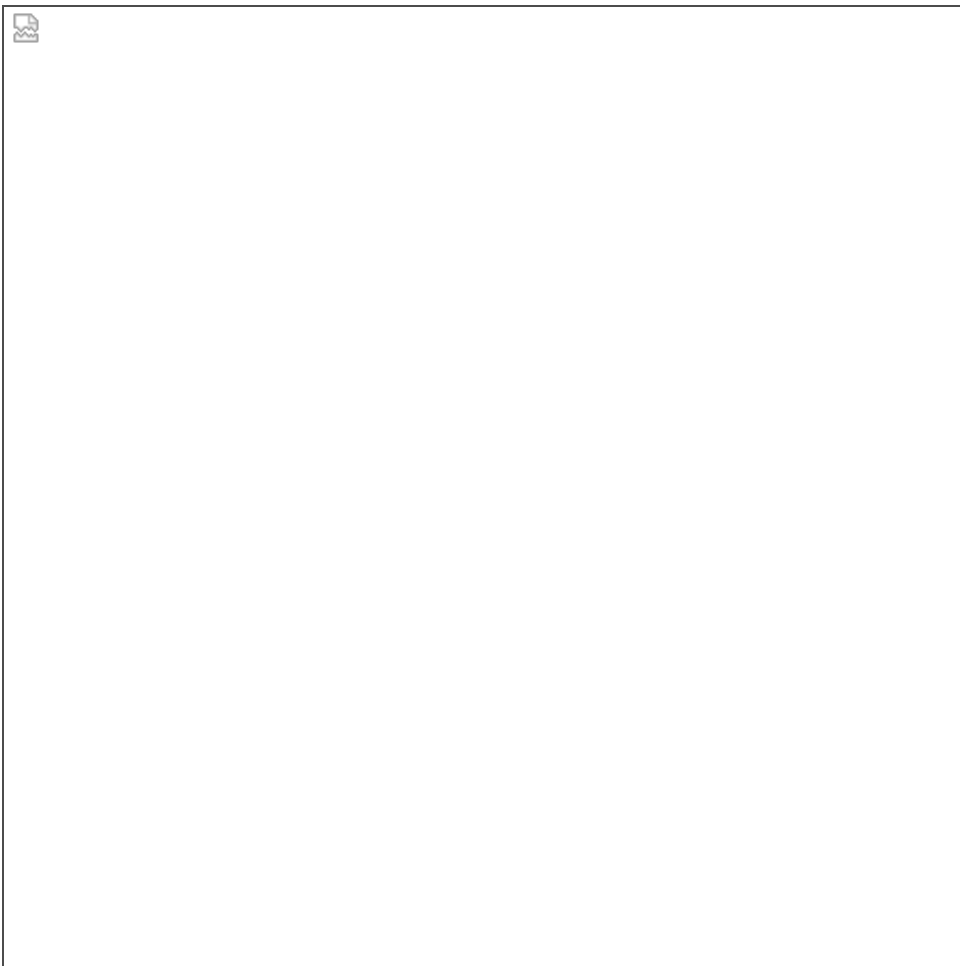
Tenants may seek information and assistance from the Los Angeles Housing + Community Development Department (HCIDLA) by calling 866 557-RENT OR [866 557-7368](tel:8665577368) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, or by filing a complaint online at: <https://hcidla.lacity.org/File-a-Complaint>

Cualquier inquilino de una propiedad residencial en la ciudad de Los Ángeles, que recibe una notificación de pagar el alquiler o desalojar

deben informar a su arrendador que son un inquilino afectado como consecuencia de COVID-19 antes de la expiración de cualquier notificación de pagar el alquiler o desalojar.

Los inquilinos pueden buscar la información y la colaboración del Departamento de Vivienda de Los Ángeles + Comunidad para el Desarrollo (HCIDLA) llamando al 866-557-ALQUILER O **866-557-7368** entre las horas de 8:30 am a 4:30 pm de lunes a viernes, o mediante la presentación una queja en línea en: www.hcidla.lacity.org/File-a-Complaint.

NOTICE: Price Gouging is ILLEGAL

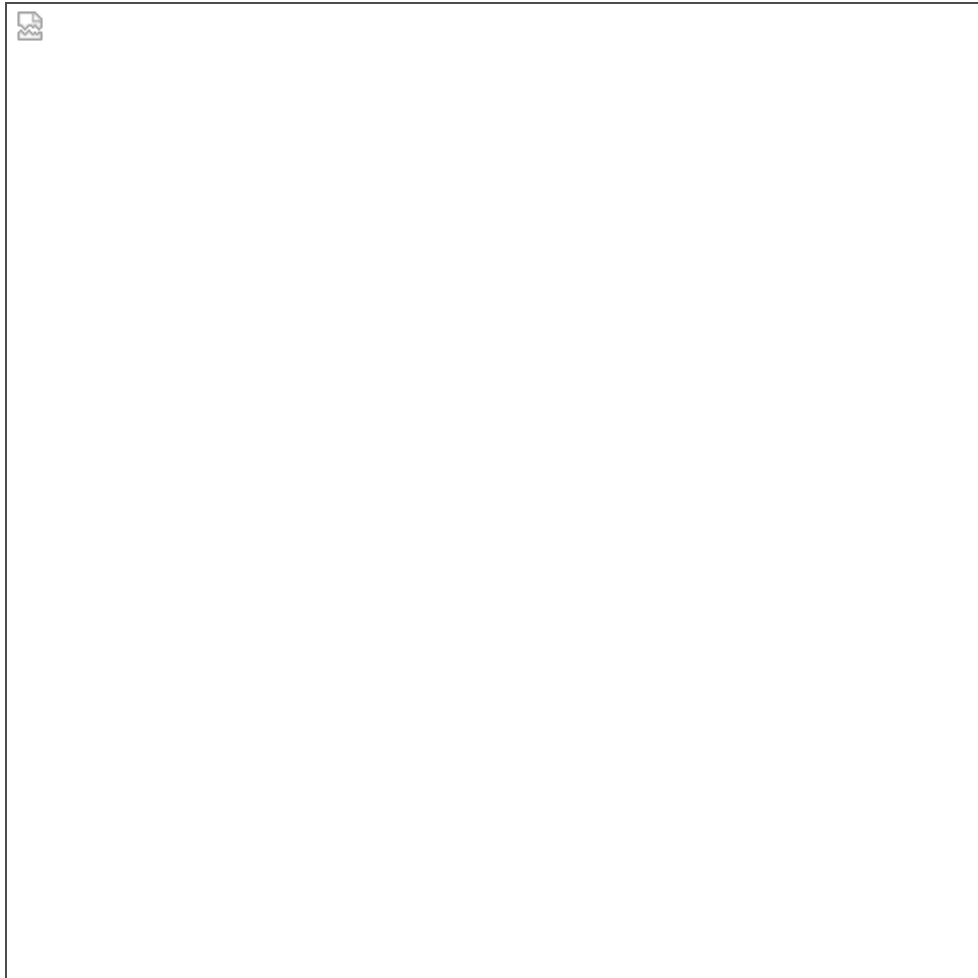


Price gouging people during a state of emergency like the one we are in right now is not only despicable behavior, it is **ILLEGAL** and punishable by law.

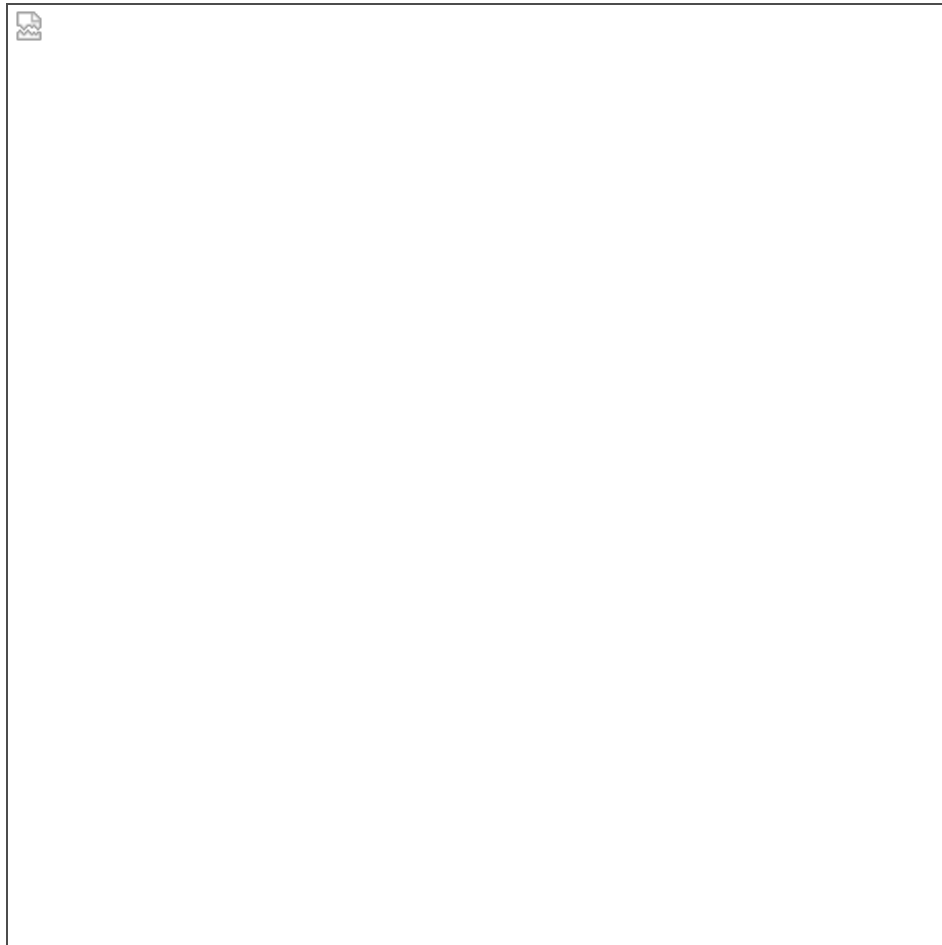
Price gouging is defined as charging more than 10% extra for essential items, goods or services during an emergency.

Report price gougers (individuals and companies) today!

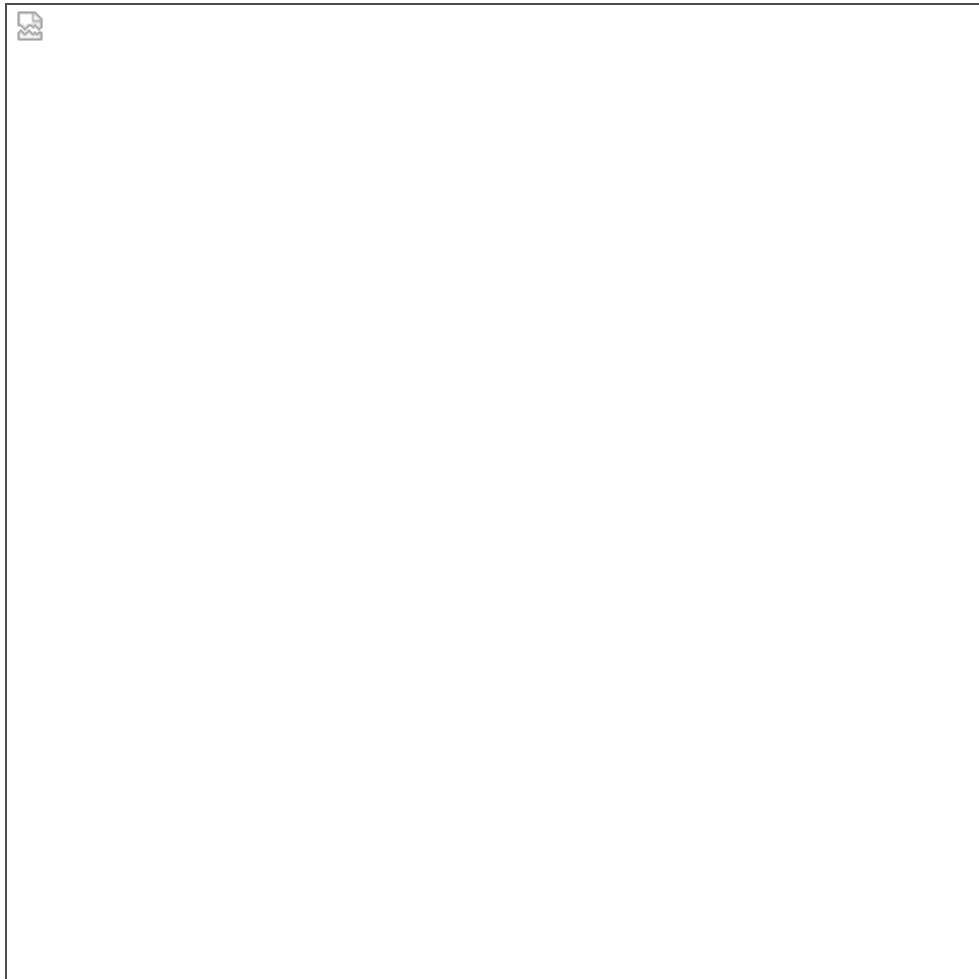
Report Price Gouging to the LA City Attorney Here



Essential Businesses Open During 'Safer at Home' Order



While it's important for us all to know what businesses are open, it's also important for workers in our communities to know that, in some instances, they can continue to work, as long as they and their employers follow safety standards: practice social distancing and wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Please be safe.



Es importante para todos nosotros saber qué tipos de negocios siguen abiertos. A la vez, también es importante que los trabajadores de nuestras comunidades sepan que, en algunos casos, pueden continuar trabajando, siempre y cuando ellos y sus empleadores sigan las normas de seguridad: practicar el distanciamiento social y lavarse las manos con agua y jabón o usar desinfectantes para manos con al menos 60% de alcohol. Por favor, tengan cuidado.

Food Banks Servicing CD6

For those in need of assistance with food, we have several local food banks servicing CD6. Please share these incredibly giving partners info with family, friends and neighbors who need it. We want to ensure no one is left wondering where their next meal is coming from during this critical time.

Para aquellos que necesitan asistencia con alimentos y comida, tenemos varios bancos de comida locales que ofrecen servicios a las comunidades de CD6. Por favor comparta esta información con personas que necesiten la ayuda. Queremos asegurarnos de que nadie se preocupe de dónde vendrá su próxima comida durante estos momentos llenos de inseguridad.

North Valley Caring Services (Drive-Thru Food Pantry)

15453 Rayen St. North Hills 91343

(818) 891-0481

Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m

Needs: Volunteers, gloves, face masks, and water

Panorama Baptist Church (Drive-Thru Food Pantry)

8767 Woodman Ave. Arleta 91331

(760) 969-9785

Wednesday from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Khalsa Care Foundation (Food Bank)

9989 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Pacoima 91331

(805) 402-5050

Friday from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Needs: Hand Sanitizer

MEND (Drive-Thru Food Pantry)

10641 San Fernando Rd. Pacoima 91331

(818) 686-7353

Friday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

S.V.D.P. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church (Food Pantry)

7800 Vineland Ave. Sun Valley 91352

(818) 765-3350

Tuesday & Friday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

JFS/SOVA Community Food & Resource Program (Food Pantry)

16439 Vanowen St. Lake Balboa 91406

(818) 988-7682

Monday-Wednesday & Thursday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Needs: Gloves for food distribution, food and cash/check donations

**Salvation Army San Fernando Valley Corps Community Center
(Food Pantry)**

14917 Victory Blvd. Van Nuys 91411

(818) 781-5739

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

ONEGeneration (Seniors Only Food Bank)

18255 Victory Blvd. Reseda 91335

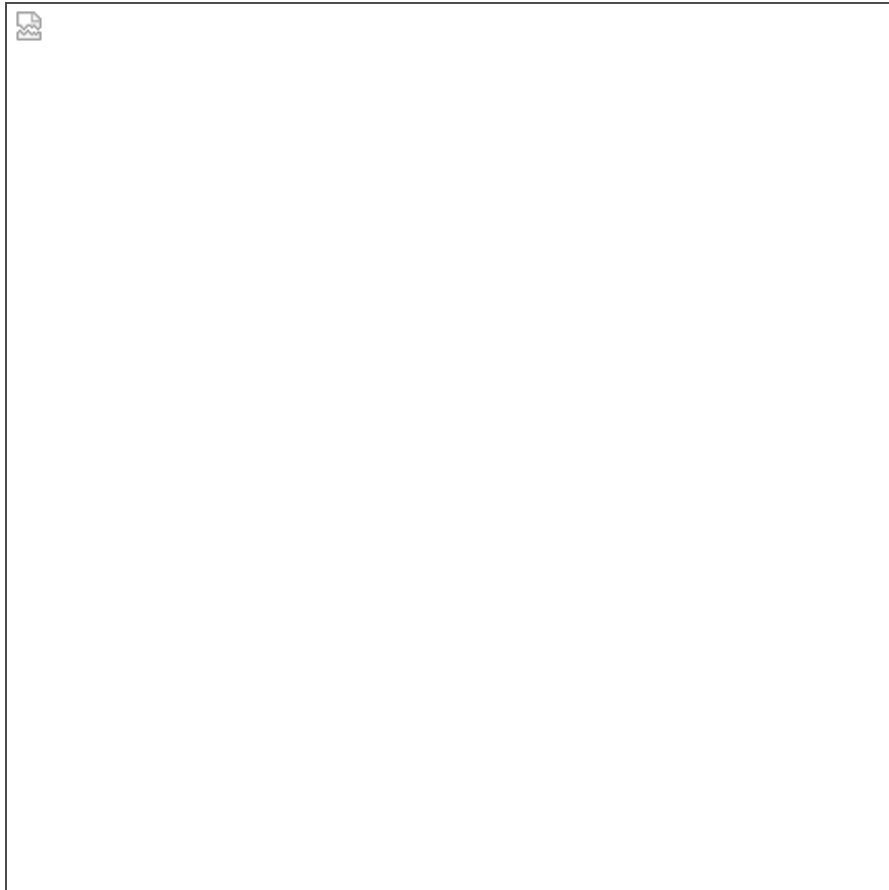
(818) 705-2345

Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CD6 Team Giving Back to Our Community

I want to thank my incredible #CD6 team. They've been helping our local Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multipurpose Adult Center and Bernardi Multipurpose Adult Center feed seniors, including delivering meals on wheels!

Anheuser-Busch Commits to Hand Sanitizer Production



Thank you, Anheuser-Busch for committing your production and distribution resources to mass-producing hand sanitizer for our

communities in need. Here locally, this is just another example of our incredible CD6 businesses coming together to offer critical services in the midst of this crisis. We will have more details on the roll-out of this effort in the coming days.

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